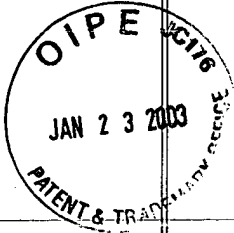




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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 24, 2002, the period for response having been extended by three months to January 24, 2003 by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend claims 1 and 50 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A pretreatment composition comprising:

at least one compound chosen from ceramides and glycoceramides,

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